



## **VFW Foundation Celebrates 25 Years of Service**

*Kansas City Councilwoman Heather Hall honors the occasion*

**KANSAS CITY, Mo. (Feb. 26, 2021)** – On Feb. 27, 2021, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Foundation will proudly celebrate its 25th anniversary.

Established in 1996, to support the vital VFW programs which work to fill in governmental assistance gaps for service members and military families, the VFW Foundation is the official 501(c)3 of the VFW. As a nonprofit organization, the foundation receives no government funding, and oversees strategic relationships with corporations and donors to ensure financial resources.

The foundation serves to support programs like the Unmet Needs program, which has provided nearly \$12 million in financial assistance to military and veteran families on hard times, and the “Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship” program which has distributed \$8.7 million to student veterans in pursuit of post-secondary education. It also works to help fund events that unite VFW Posts and Auxiliaries to their local military community through the VFW Military Assistance Program.



To help celebrate the special anniversary, Kansas City District 1 Councilwoman Heather Hall submitted Resolution 25, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Foundation Day resolution, before the Kansas City mayor and City Council. VFW Foundation Board Secretary/Treasurer and VFW Quartermaster General Debra Anderson and other representatives attended the meeting virtually to accept the resolution.

“For more than two decades, the VFW Foundation has worked tirelessly to ensure the VFW’s veteran and military support programs continue to provide the vital hand up that our brave heroes and their families deserve,” said VFW Quartermaster General Debra Anderson. “Celebrating 25 years of the Foundation’s service and now having received this resolution from the City of Kansas City is a proud moment in our history, and helps to showcase the impressive work we’ve dedicated ourselves to.”

“I am honored to celebrate 25 years of the VFW Foundation working to serve all veterans and their families. They offer so many wonderful services for our veterans who have served our country selflessly and sacrificially,” said Councilwoman Heather Hall.

For more information about the VFW Foundation or how you can support the VFW, visit [vfw.org/Foundation](http://vfw.org/Foundation).

*PHOTO CUTLINE: (Left to right in center square) VFW Foundation Deputy Director Kevin Jamison, VFW Foundation Board Secretary/Treasurer and VFW Quartermaster General Debra Anderson and VFW Foundation Director Richard Potter attended the virtual Kansas City, Missouri, City Council meeting to accept the presentation of Resolution 25, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Foundation Day, submitted on Feb. 26, 2021, by District 1 Councilwoman Heather Hall.*

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**About the VFW:** The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. is the nation's largest and oldest major war veterans organization. Founded in 1899, the congressionally chartered VFW is comprised entirely of eligible veterans and military service members from the active, Guard and Reserve forces. With more than 1.5 million VFW and Auxiliary members located in over 6,000 Posts worldwide, the nonprofit veterans service organization is proud to proclaim “NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS” than the VFW, which is dedicated to veterans’ service, legislative advocacy, and military and community service programs. For more information or to join, visit our website at [vfw.org](http://vfw.org).

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